Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, from the 1st to the 7th January 1935.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the statement recorded by that officer relates to the number of passengers or vehicles that passed through that place?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: He took only a list of the passengers and the actual number is 8,189.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether that figure represents the passengers for one month or for one week?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: One week.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is any place in the Main Central Road where there is a river and no bridge except this crossing?

Mr. G. B. E Truscott: I do not think so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the importance of traffic will the Government be pleased to take steps for the construction of a bridge at an early date.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I may inform the member that traffic in the Alwaye river crossing is heavier in one day than traffic in the crossing, referred to by the member, in a week.

Mr G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know when the question of constructing the Alwaye bridge will be taken up?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: That is a question of policy.

Delay in the completion of the Rubber Factory building at Chackai

36. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether explanations have been called for from the officers entrusted with the work and their pay withheld, for the delay in the completion of the building for the rubber factory which is to be started immediately at Chackai; and

(*b*) if so, the names of the officers from whom explanations have been called for and of the persons whose pay has been withheld and for how long?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Explanations have not been called for. The pay of the officers entrusted with the work was withheld.

(*b*) The first part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*). The pay of the Division Officer, Trivandrum, the Superintendent, P. W. D. Workshops and Stores Division and the Foreman, P. W. D. Workshops, Trivandrum, for the month of Kumbhom 1110, was withheld for a period of two weeks.

(The answer was read also in Malayalam.)

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Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇങ്ങനെ രണ്ടാഴ്ചനീട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കാൻ കാരണമെന്താണ്?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai . ആ ജോലി ചെയ്യുവിക്കണമെന്ന് നിശ്ചയിച്ചിരുന്ന സമയത്തു് തീർക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : കാലതാമസം വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു ജോലികർക്കു തടസ്സമുണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലേ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : ഉണ്ടെന്നാണു് വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : അതിനുപകരം ഈ ഒരു ശിക്ഷ പര്യാപ്തമാകുമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: ആകുമെന്നാണുഗവണ്മെന്റു വിചാരിച്ചതു്.

Right of land-owners to public roads.

37. ***Mr. Hajee Hassan Yacoob Sait** (*Commerce and Industry, North*). Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that the revenue authorities do not recognise the necessity as well as the urgency of land-owners whose access to the neighbouring public ways is cut off by the owners of the intervening lands and of the fact that they fail to give relief to those needy land-owners; and

(*b*) whether the Division Peishkars of Quilon and Kottayam have in any case failed to give such relief on the mistaken assumption that such access to private lands from the neighbouring public way is not a public purpose even though postmen, Anchal peons, police constables and process servers of the various civil, criminal and revenue courts have to go to the house or land requiring a pathway?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) The Revenue Department cannot legitimately interfere if the owner of an intervening patta land obstructs another land owner from entering neighbouring public ways even if the latter has been enjoying a right of way along the said land for a number of years. This is a matter for the civil courts to adjudicate upon.

(*b*) It is reported that there were cases in which acquisition proceedings could not be taken up, in view of G. O. Dis. No. 407/23/Rev., dated 5-5-1923 ordering that the Land Acquisition Regulation cannot be applied for the acquisition of land for providing pathway to a private owner.

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